Consider your threats: storm surge, flooding from heavy rain, strong winds, tornadoes, rip currents.

Determine if you live in a flood-prone area.

Find out if you live in an evacuation zone.

Identify your home’s structural risks (mobile homes & basements can be especially vulnerable).
**Prepare Before Hurricane Season**

*Hurricane Preparedness*

- Develop an evacuation plan.
- Assemble disaster supplies: food, water, batteries, charger, radio, cash.
- Get an insurance checkup and document your possessions.
- Create a communication plan with a hand-written list of contacts.
- Strengthen your home.
Understand Forecast Information

Hurricane Preparedness

- Rely on forecasts from the National Hurricane Center & your local NWS office.
- Know your alerts & the difference between a Watch and Warning.
- Focus on potential impacts, regardless of storm size or category.
- Know that deadly hazards occur well outside of the Forecast Cone.
Get Moving When a Storm Threatens

Hurricane Preparedness

Protect your home: cover windows, secure doors & loose items.

Determine sheltering options and consider your pets.

Ready your go-bag, meds & supplies, charge phone, fill up/charge vehicle.

Help your neighbors, especially the elderly & other vulnerable people.

Follow evacuation orders if given.

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Stay in your safe places from water & wind.

Have a way to get weather alerts and forecast updates.

Keep in mind that impacts can be felt far from the coast.

Listen to local officials & avoid travel unless ordered to evacuate.
Use Caution After Storms
Hurricane Preparedness

- If you evacuated, only return home when directed it’s safe to do so.

- Remain vigilant, as hazards remain: heat, downed power lines, floodwaters, & more.

- Clean up safely: don’t push yourself, and check on neighbors.

- Only use generators outdoors, 20+ feet from your home.

- Prepare for the likelihood that help and communications may not be available.
Determine your risk from water & wind.

Begin preparing now, before a storm.

Learn how to understand hurricane forecasts and alerts.

Learn what to do before, during, and after a storm.

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